



CLERK'S BOARD SUMMARY

REPORT OF ACTIONS OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**TUESDAY
April 28, 2020**

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The regular meeting was called to order at 4 p.m., and was conducted wholly electronically using Fairfax County's videoconferencing system because the COVID-19 pandemic made it unsafe to physically assemble a quorum in one location or to have the public present. The meeting was accessible to the public through live broadcast on Channel 16, live video stream, and live audio. Chairman McKay presided over the meeting and participated from the Government Center, and the following Supervisors participated remotely from their respective District Offices:

- Supervisor Walter L. Alcorn, Hunter Mill District
- Supervisor John W. Foust, Dranesville District
- Supervisor Penelope A. Gross, Mason District
- Supervisor Patrick S. Herrity, Springfield District
- Supervisor Rodney L. Lusk, Lee District
- Supervisor Kathy L. Smith, Sully District
- Supervisor Daniel G. Storck, Mount Vernon District
- Supervisor James R. Walkinshaw, Braddock District

Supervisor Dalia A. Palchik, participated remotely from her home.

Others present during the meeting were Bryan J. Hill, County Executive; Elizabeth Teare, County Attorney; Jill G. Cooper, Clerk for the Board of Supervisors; Dottie Steele, Chief Deputy Clerk to the Board of Supervisors;

Emily Armstrong and Ekuu Brew-Ewool, Deputy Clerks, Department of Clerk Services.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **ORDERS OF THE DAY** (4 p.m.)

Chairman McKay stated that since the Board is meeting electronically, there are several preliminary motions that require Board approval. He stated that first is to verify the audibility of Member's voices and since each Member of the Board is participating from different locations. The Board must also verify that a quorum of Members is participating, and that each Member's voice is clear, audible, and at an appropriate volume for all the other Members to hear. Therefore, Chairman McKay conducted a roll call and asked each Member to confirm that they could hear each other's voices.

Therefore, Chairman McKay relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chairman Gross and moved that the Board certify for the record that each Member's voice may be adequately heard by each other member of this Board. Vice-Chairman Gross seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman McKay moved that the Board certify that the State of Emergency caused by the COVID-19 outbreak makes it unsafe for speakers, staff, and the public to attend this meeting in person, and that as such, an in-person meeting cannot be implemented safely or practically. As a result, Chairman McKay further moved that the Board conduct this meeting electronically through a dedicated video conference line, and that the public may access this meeting via simultaneous telecast on Channel 16, or video streaming, or hear a live audio feed of the meeting by dialing 703-324-5300, and the public may participate in public hearings by established phone lines, YouTube submissions, or through written testimony. Supervisor Foust seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman McKay further moved that the Board certify that all matters on the agenda today concern the emergency, and/or are necessary for continuity in Fairfax County government under the Ordinance adopted by the Board at its last meeting, and/or are statutorily required or necessary to continue operations and the discharge of this Board's lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities. Supervisor Foust seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Vice Chairman Gross returned the gavel to Chairman McKay.

2. **MOMENT OF SILENCE** (4:05 p.m.)

Chairman McKay stated that:

- COVID-19 is affecting the whole community, from children to small businesses, to those who are ill with the virus. He asked to keep everyone in Fairfax, and around the world, in thoughts and prayers during this difficult time
- Starting tomorrow, April 29, 2020, the Fairfax County flag would fly at half-staff at County facilities in honor of the residents who have died of COVID-19 and in recognition of the many essential workers who are responding to the pandemic

Chairman McKay also asked to keep in thoughts and prayers Town of Vienna Mayor, Laurie DiRocco, who recently lost her mother to cancer.

AGENDA ITEMS

3. **4 P.M. – PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND READOPT SECTION 67.1-10-2 OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY CODE RELATING TO SEWER SERVICE CHARGES, BASE CHARGES, AVAILABILITY CHARGES, FIXTURE UNIT CHARGES, AND CHARGES FOR HAULED WASTEWATER** (4:08 p.m.)

(NOTE: On April 14, 2020, the Board deferred the public hearing until April 28, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.)

A Certificate of Publication was filed from the editor of the *Washington Times* showing that notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in that newspaper in the issues of March 27 and April 3, 2020.

Randy Bartlett, Director, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES), gave a presentation on the agenda item.

Following the public hearing, Chairman McKay announced that the record would remain open to receive testimony until May 5, 2020, to allow for additional testimony.

Supervisor Gross moved that the Board close the public hearing and defer action on these fees until May 5, 2020, as part of the Budget Mark-up process. Chairman McKay seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

4. **4 P.M. – PUBLIC HEARING ON THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE’S PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2021 ADVERTISED BUDGET PLAN, THE ADVERTISED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FOR FISCAL YEARS (FYs) 2021-2025 (WITH FUTURE FYs TO 2030) AND THE CURRENT APPROPRIATION IN THE FY 2020 REVISED BUDGET PLAN** (4:11 p.m.)

(NOTE: On April 14, 2020, the Board deferred the public hearing until April 28, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.)

A Certificate of Publication was filed from the editor of the *Washington Times* showing that notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in that newspaper in the issues of March 27 and April 3, 2020.

Chairman McKay announced that today is the first of three consecutive days of public hearings on the FY 2021 Proposed Budget. Chairman McKay announced that the public hearing would begin with a video recording from Karen Corbett-Sanders, Chair of the School Board.

Chairman McKay thanked Chairman Corbett-Sanders for the presentation and encouraged Board Members to submit questions for the School Board as Budget Question & Answers so that the entire Board can be kept apprised.

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The Board heard testimony from twenty-five speakers which included twelve video presentations.

5. **BOARD RECESS** (6:25 p.m.)

Chairman McKay announced that the Board would recess until 3 p.m. on April 29, 2020, at which time the budget public hearings would continue regarding:

- County Executive's Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Advertised Budget Plan
- Advertised Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY 2021-2025 (with future Fiscal Years to 2030)
- Current appropriation in the FY 2020 Revised Budget Plan